

ABSTRACT

A kit and method for collecting a saliva sample for subsequent biologic assay ~~that avoids collection contact with the biohazardous saliva sample.~~ The kit includes a container, a preservative solution that is retained in the container and a saliva collection device. ~~A subsequent laboratory assay performed by conventional techniques specific to the biologic of interest provides results comparable to those obtained from blood or urine samples. The kit allows an employee to remain at his or her place of business and requires only a minor inconvenience during testing.~~ The method includes the steps of providing a container with a preservative solution and providing a saliva collection device with a salivation catalyst disposed thereon. Saliva is collected at a first location using the device, the device is deposited in the container and the container is sealed.